

MARRIAGE IS SERIOUS?

1 Cor 7:32-40

People married for different reasons.

- Fad Marriages
- Panic marriages
- Rebound marriages
- Can't contain marriages
- Mama motivated marriages
- Biblically motivated marriage

Things to consider when deciding to be married.

1. Time is Short (25-31)
1st priority is commitment to Jesus Christ.
2. Marriage has obligations (32-35)
3. Each situation is unique (36-38)
4. Marriage is permanent (39-40)

2. Marriage has obligations (32-35)

Single--obligation is Lord

Married-- obligation to Lord and mate.

1 Corinthians 7:32 ³²*But I would have you without carefulness:* free from anxiety, stress, and things which cause distress.

Not bound in focus on things which keep from being able to focus on things of Lord

Single man can be without distraction

Careth: pulled in direction of; concerned about (anxious)

Please: agreeable, excited; give pleasure to ; satisfy; be will or wish of .

1 Corinthians 7:33 Married man pulled in direction of world

World: providing for needs of wife and family

How he may please his wife: desire to satisfy needs of wife; to give pleasure to

Husband has two obligations:

1. Please the Lord
2. Please his wife

Desire of husband--joyful wife.

1 Corinthians 7:34 *Wife and a virgin*. Married and unmarried woman.

Virgin: unmarried daughter

Holy both in body and in spirit: completely, entirely committed to God.

Holy: set apart. Able to set herself aside to give herself to Lord's service.

but she that is married ...

Pulled in 2 directions with focus

1. Please Lord
2. Please husband

Implied: main desire --please husband

1 Corinthians 7:35 Not trying to talk you out of getting married.

Cast a snare upon you: cord, rope, bond.

I'm not trying to bring you into bondage by some rule that is not scriptural.

Lenski: *Paul is not throwing a noose of legal commandments about the necks of the Corinthians in order to force their consciences into helpless surrender.*

But: *alla* – to contrary; opposite true

Comely: decorous, fit, proper, noble. To your own advantage.

and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction.

I want you to serve the Lord with as few distractions as possible

attend upon the Lord: Consistent action.

3 Greek words: sitting well beside a task

Paul's desire---totally devoted to serving God.

Without distraction: without interruption, anxiety, care;

Wiersbe: It is a fact of history that both John Wesley and George Whitefield might have been better off had they remained single. Wesley's wife finally left him, and Whitefield traveled so much that his wife was often alone for long periods of time.

Unmarried believers--seriously evaluate whole situation before pursuing marriage.

3. Consider fact that each situation is unique

1 Corinthians 7:36 *Flower of her age:* prime age for marriage.

Fully developed and able to bear children responsibly.

Morris: She is in her prime and at the age when marriage is most natural.

Dad makes decision.

and need so require: If the situation generates a required action.

let him do what he will, Let the father do what seems right.

he sinneth not: violated God's Word and will.

Culture: some fathers made vow to God that daughter be virgins permanently.

1 Corinthians 7:37 *standeth stedfast in his heart,* firm on decision... not change mind.

having no necessity, She is not pushing him.

but hath power over his own will: motives pure and good.

Parry: *the right to give effect to his own purpose.*

and hath so decreed...: determined in heart that keep daughter in unmarried state.

Doeth well: Does what is right and good.

1 Corinthians 7:38

4. Marriage is permanent (39-40)

1 Corinthians 7:39

Morris: *The indissolubility of marriage, other than by death, is at the basis of this verse. A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. If he dies, she is free to remarry if she will, the one restriction being, only in the Lord. He must be a born-again believer.*

Matthew 19:10

Bound (de'w): To knit, tie, wind, be in bonds; tied so not able to get out.

1 Corinthians 7:40 But: *alla...however, on other and, in contrast to she is happier if she so abide,* More blessed, spiritually richer.

Benefit to her if remains single.

after my judgment: my counsel to you. My opinion.

and I think also that I have the Spirit of God. I believe the Holy Spirit has prompted me to tell you this. This is inspired of God.

No such thing in Word of God as trial marriage.

No room for escape hatch mentality in marriage.

Malachi 2:16 ... he hateth putting away: ...

Divorce result of hardness of hearts. Matthew 19:8

Marriage is a very serious well-thought out, well-planned, Biblically oriented event and should be approached with eyes wide open.

Never to be

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SO WHAT?

1. Time is short. Life is fleeting
2. Marriage has obligations.
3. Unique situations.
4. Marriage is permanent.